

Lesson Two

Object/ Complement

I-Object

An object is a noun (or a pronoun) that is governed by a verb or a preposition.

Direct Object : The direct object of a verb is the thing being acted upon. You can find the direct object by finding the verb and asking "what?" or "whom?". Ex :

Write the lesson

She helps him

I don't find the book because I don't have the author's name

Note :a- The term noun does not usually mean a single word. An object can be a single-word noun (ex man, girl, table, pen), a pronoun (ex her, it, him), a noun phrase (ex the pot in the balcony) or a noun clause (ex what the girl said).

b-Only Transitive Verbs Have Direct Objects.

Sonia fell very badly x

She is sleeping at the moment x

c-You do not find a direct object with a linking verb. Jane is angry x

Peter is happy x

Exercise 1 Underline the direct object in the sentences below .

1-I bought a book last week.

2-Call your brother and come here.

3-Take a breath before you jump in the water.

4-Jack will find the treasure before the pirates.

5-I was not allowed driving licence until I was 18.

6- Please pass the salt

7-I have a wife and three kids !

8-Don't touch them !

9-He is recovering from a serious health problem.

10- The cat wants to eat our aquarium fish.

11-We can climb the hill and play the kite.

Indirect Object : is the recipient or beneficiary of the action. You can find the indirect object by finding the verb and direct object, and then asking "for or to whom?"

Ex : She offered her mother a ring.

Show me my mistakes, and I will make him my apologies.

Note : a- Only Transitive Verbs Have Direct Objects and Indirect Objects.

John is snoring loudly x

Exercise 2 Underline the indirect object.

- 1- I have bought your son a toy.
- 2- Will grandma tell the kids one of her nice stories?
- 3- Give me that.
- 4- I will call the police if you do not give that purse back to her immediately.
- 5- I'll make you a nice cup of tea before you leave for work.
- 6- Peter passed the money to his brother.
- 7- Can I tell them our funny experience today ?
- 8- He gave his boss a medical justification.

Object of a preposition : The noun (or pronoun) governed by a preposition (ex : *in, on, at, by, near*) is known as the object of a preposition.

Robert lives near London.

Work with him .

Note : a- In a noun phrase the term *object of a preposition* refers to the head noun. All the other words in the phrase are "relegated" to *modifiers*.

Ex : She lives **among** her close relatives.

b- When the object of the preposition is a noun clause, there's no head noun, so the whole clause is described as the object of the preposition.

Ex : I watched a documentary **on** how different animals are kept together.

Subject Complement: A subject complement is a word or phrase that follows a linking verb and describes or identifies the subject. If you ask "what?" with a linking verb, you'll find a subject complement not the direct object. Ex : Jane is happy.

Note : a- A linking verb is a verb used to link a subject to the new identity or description (ex : *to be, to become, to appear, to feel, to look, to smell, to taste* etc)

b- A subject complement is either an adjective, a noun, or a pronoun.

Object Complement. An object complement is the adjective, noun, or pronoun that follows a direct object to rename the direct object or state what it has become.

Ex : The elections made John's position untenable.

We voted John chairman.

Exercise 3 : Name the underlined elements of the sentences below (their function in the sentence).

1- You are a funny guy. I will kill you last.

2- I don't have a bank account .

3- She saw him.

4- Richard is an architect.

5- I don't need drugs to make my life tragic

6- They will be fine.

7- Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do, and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

8- I am he.

9- That pie looks burnt to a cinder.

10- I'm giving protection to someone I care about.

11 - Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work .

12- I feel as young as I ever did .

